

committee deliberations on both days, a 30-minute open public hearing will be conducted for interested persons to address issues specific to the submission before the committee. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before July 10, 1998, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: June 26, 1998.

**Michael A. Friedman,**

*Deputy Commissioner for Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* The Financial Statement of Debtor and Supporting Regulation 42 CFR 405.376; *Form No.:* HCFA-379, OMB #0938-0270; *Use:* This form is used to collect financial information which is needed to evaluate

requests from physician/suppliers to pay indebtedness under extended repayment schedule, or to compromise a debt for less than the full amount.

*Frequency:* As needed; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 500; *Total Annual Responses:* 500; *Total Annual Hours:* 1,000.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to [Paperwork@hcfa.gov](mailto:Paperwork@hcfa.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: June 18, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

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#### Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to

be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collection referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR, Part 1320. This collection is necessary to ensure compliance with section 1876 of the Social Security Act. Section 1876(I) of the Social Security Act (the Act) sets forth several criteria for HMO contracts. As relevant here, section 1876(I)(3) of the Act gives the Secretary, or her designee the authority to incorporate additional contractual terms and conditions that are consistent with section 1876. These statutorily mandated contract provisions have been implemented in the regulations at 42 CFR 417.470, *et seq* which reference 42 CFR 417.126(a) which states that each HMO must have an effective procedure to develop, compile, evaluate, and report to HCFA, to its enrollees, and to the general public, at the times and in the manner that HCFA requires, the following: the cost of its operations; the patterns of utilization of its services; the availability, accessibility and acceptability of its services; to the extent practical, developments in the health status of its enrollees; information demonstrating that the HMO has a fiscally sound operation and other matters that HCFA may require. Without emergency approval HCFA will be unable to monitor the quality of care received by beneficiaries in managed care measured through the Consumer Assessment of Health Plans Study (CAHPS) survey asking beneficiaries about their experiences with their plan. As a result, public harm is likely to result because HCFA will be unable to monitor the quality of care received by beneficiaries.

HCFA is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection within 6 working days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendations will be accepted from the public if received by the individuals designated below by 5 working days of the publication of this notice. During this 180-day period, we